

## **FCC REPORTS ULTIMA HORA NETWORK NEWS SEPTEMBER 1-15**

### **PART 1**

**9/1/10**

#### **PEW STUDY ON IMMIGRATION**

##### **LOURDES MELUZA/ WASHINGTON, DC**

##### **PKG 2:46**

The annual inflow of unauthorized immigrants to the United States was nearly two-thirds smaller in the March 2007 to March 2009 period than it had been from March 2000 to March 2005, according to new estimates by the Pew Hispanic Center, a project of the Pew Research Center. This sharp decline has contributed to an overall reduction of 8% in the number of unauthorized immigrants currently living in the U.S.-to 11.1 million in March 2009 from a peak of 12 million in March 2007, according to the estimates. The decrease represents the first significant reversal in the growth of this population over the past two decades.

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#### **MORE HOURS OF SCHOOL TO IMPROVE LEARNING**

##### **LUIS MEGID/ OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA**

##### **PKG 2:04**

Schools, districts, and states are struggling to improve education and increase student learning and achievement. Some reform ideas have focused on increasing the time students spend in school and reorganizing school schedules. Currently, the 180 six-hour-day schedule used in most schools is not based on the needs and learning styles of students, but rather on a 19th-century agrarian system (Farbman & Kaplan, 2005). Many states and districts have considered ways to change the outdated way that time is spent in school by (1) transforming school day schedules; (2) extending the school day; and (3) altering the school year structure. Ultimately, though, these reforms must not focus on simply extending the time students are in school, but on increasing the time students engage in productive, academic learning.

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**OBAMA AND ECONOMY  
LOURDES MELUZA- WASHINGTON, DC  
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President Barack Obama is asking Congress to approve at least \$50 billion in long-term investments in the nation's roads, railways and runways in a pre-election effort to show he's trying to stimulate the sputtering economy. The infrastructure investments are part of a package of targeted proposals the White House announced on Monday. With November's elections for control of Congress approaching, Obama planned to discuss the proposal later Monday at a Labor Day event in Milwaukee. The proposals would require congressional approval, which is highly uncertain at a time when many legislators and voters are worried about adding to federal deficits that are already sky-high. Even if lawmakers could pass a bill in the short window between their return to Capitol Hill in mid-September and the elections, it's unlikely the spending would give the economy a significant boost by the time voters head to the polls.

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**OBAMA AND ECONOMY  
LOURDES MELUZA  
PKG 2:14**

President Barack Obama will call on Congress to pass new tax breaks that would allow businesses to write off 100 percent of their new capital investments through 2011, the latest in a series of proposals the White House is rolling out in hopes of showing action on the economy ahead of the November elections. President Obama and the Democrats, ahead of the mid-term elections. For the first time, most voters, 52 percent, now disapprove of the way Mr. Obama is handling his job overall---and even more voters say now say the President has made the economy worse. The poll also shows public dissatisfaction with the Democrat-controlled federal government is at its highest level in 18 years.

**POLITICAL ASYLUM  
LUIS MEGID- SAN FRANCISCO, CA**

**PKG 1:51**

Very timely Justice Department data show that Immigration Judges are declining substantially fewer requests for asylum. Denial rates have reached the lowest level in the last quarter of a century according to a new analysis by the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC). This was one of many new findings to emerge from TRAC's fifth annual monitoring report focusing on the processing of asylum requests by these specialized courts. In FY 1986, almost 9 out of 10 (89%) of such requests were declined. During the first nine months of FY 2010, only half (50%) were turned down. The analysis of hundreds of thousands of case-by-case records also found that the total number of asylum requests has been falling, that a higher proportion of asylum seekers are now represented by counsel, and that judge-to-judge disparities in denial rates remain a pervasive problem.

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**9/9/10****OBAMA & ECONOMY****LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC****PKG 2:07**

Democrats in Congress are distancing themselves from President Barack Obama's push to let taxes rise for the wealthiest Americans, fearing it will further harm them in November's mid-term elections. Obama stood firm on his stance in a fiery speech this week addressing the looming increase of all individual taxes. He repeated his pledge to let tax rates on high-end income groups rise -- individuals making more than \$200,000 a year or couples earning over \$250,000.

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**9/13/10****OBAMA AND ECONOMY****LOURDES MELUZA- WASHINGTON, DC****PKG 2:07**

Ahead of midterm elections likely to produce big Republican gains, President Barack Obama said Monday that conservative activists are right to be worried about the deficit and he foresees compromising with the GOP

on that issue and others. Responding to a question at a backyard town hall with middle-class Virginians, Obama extended an unusual olive branch to tea party activists even as he implicitly acknowledged he'll be confronting empowered congressional Republicans after November's elections. Whether the GOP retakes the House or just makes big gains there and in the Senate, Obama's comments indicated the president has been thinking about how to move forward without the large Democratic majorities he's enjoyed since taking office.

## **OBAMA AND THE DREAM ACT**

**JAIME GARCIA- LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG 2:09**

Obama signaled his support for the proposed DREAM Act as part of a comprehensive reform package, but said he was open to discussing pushing it on its own as a "down payment" on reform if the Congressional Hispanic Caucus sees that as a viable strategy. "If in discussions with the Hispanic Caucus there's a sense that there's an opportunity to do this and that it would be helpful to provide a down payment on comprehensive immigration reform, I'm happy to have that conversation. I don't want anyone to think that if we pass the DREAM Act in whatever form, that will solve the problem," Obama stated.

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## **DREAM ACT LATEST**

**LOURDES MELUZA- WASHINGTON, DC**

**PKG 1:50**

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid says he wants to attach to an upcoming defense policy bill an amendment that would help young people in the country illegally become legal U.S. residents. The Nevada Democrat said Tuesday the legislation known as the DREAM Act is long overdue. But he wouldn't say whether he has the votes for the amendment. The act allows young people who attend college or join the military to become legal U.S. residents.

## **JANET NAPOLITANO ON IMMIGRATION**

**VO: 20**

While discussing the administration's approach to immigration reform Monday, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano appeared frustrated with the hand President Obama has been dealt, lamenting difficulties in getting Congress -- predominantly Republican members to stand by their stated goals and prerequisites for reform negotiations. From Napolitano's highly technical and remarks to the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute

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**DREAM ACT**

**LOURDES MELUZA/ WAHSINGTON, DC**

**PKG 2:11**

Congress liders and several organizations and religious leaders are united requesting that the Immigration Reform moves forward. Hundreds will rally and leaders will talk about the importance of bringing it up and solve the problem that has separated thousands families and threatens to separate more.

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